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JJ:	00:08	Hey again, everybody. This is the legal disclaimer where we tell you that the views, thoughts, and opinions shared on this podcast belong solely to us, the people talking, which in this case, today, is just me and not necessarily Brady or Brady's affiliates. Please note, though, that this podcast often contains discussions of violence that some people may find disturbing. It's okay. We find it pretty disturbing too.
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JJ:	00:46	<p>So welcome to this, a super quick wrap up of what went down in the world of gun violence prevention, brought to you by Red, Blue, and Brady, in case you forgot what you were listening to. This week, we saw survivors take a stand, Tik Toks take over, a video game supporting advocacy, and the launch of something new to deal with a problem that's only increasing every minute. So, let's jump right into it. Now. Two dozen victims of gun violence along with representatives, Robin Kelly, John Lewis, Lucy McBath, Lacy Clay, David Cicilline, and Brady staff paid a surprise visit to Mitch McConnell's office following an End The Violence gun rally outside the Capitol here in D.C. They spent 80 minutes inside his office with his legal counsel, Tiffany Ge, fighting for the Senator to just do something, which we know hasn't happened yet. Highlight of the meeting? When Brady Team Enough leader, Tatiana Washington, suggested to McConnell's aide that McConnell should watch Schoolhouse Rock's "I'm Just a Bill." Mm. Snarky? Yes. Effective? Also a major yes. Also, if you haven't seen that Schoolhouse Rock episode, check it out. We've linked to it at BradyUnited.org/podcast. Now, the award for worst timing ever? This all happened the day the impeachment proceedings were announced, but like your beloved JP said in his Washington Examiners quote, it's always an issue in D.C. where everyone can't be focusing on everything at the same time, so we're still going to be working hard. That's why today, despite all the craziness going on, impeachment, we're still having our hearing, we're still having our rally, we're pushing for the vote. That could be one of the reasons why we picked JP as cohost. He's pretty awesome. An area also sparking comments on gun control, despite this impeachment business, is Tik Tok. Okay, so if you don't know what Tik Tok is, raise your hands. Hmm? Remember, this is a podcast. No one can see you. Be honest. Basically, it's an online video platform that allows anyone to create and share short videos, which generally are, I would say funny. I, For one, love the one of this fat cat, where his owner makes him dance to Mr. Sandman and then all of the animal videos that followed that</p>

were in the same way. You know, it's 2019, it's a hell of a time. Sometimes you just want to see a cat, you know, dance to Mr. Sandman. Tik Tok, though, is also great for political activism. Recently, with a series of brutal dark humored memes, they've drawn attention to school shootings. In particular, young people have used the song, Bulletproof, along with actions like putting on their IDs, to poke fun at the security members that they now have to undergo in order to attend school. These Tik Toks, they show the frustration, anxiety and exhaustion of a generation whose school days have been shaped by gun violence. Staying in the world of technology, Brady just dropped its own game. Yes, that's right. We've got a podcast, we've got a video game! Look at us go. It's called League of Legislators and it was made in response to the ridiculousness of conservative lawmakers saying video games cause mass shootings, despite the fact that there is no known link between video games and gun violence. However, there is a link between NRA contributions and elected officials who block gun reform and so using the hashtag #GunLawsNotGames, this new side scroller, League of Legislators, lets you play as a member of Congress, who must avoid lobbyists and bribes from the gun lobby, in order to make it to the U.S. Capitol to sign legislation to prevent gun violence. When you're done, you can take action on the website that the game links you to, and check out a list of 50 senators who've taken the most money from the NRA. I've played it. It's amazing. At one point you can shoot thoughts and prayers, but it is surprisingly hard. I'll give you a hint that at a certain point you can double jump. Finally, let's talk about Bloody Hands. Every day that President Trump and Mitch McConnell refuse to support common sense gun reform, a hundred people in America are killed by gun violence, and hundreds more are injured. It's been more than 200 days. Let's just think about that for a minute, right? 200 days since the U.S. House of Representatives passed bipartisan gun safety legislation. Now, let me show you the math here. That's 20,000 deaths that could have been prevented and an astronomical number of injuries. So what can you do? Let Trump and McConnell know that they have blood on their hands. Paint your hand red and send a photo of it McConnell and Trump on Twitter, which, you know, everyone loves the Twitter! Tagging #BloodyHands, and demand that they push for the following four things; that Trump and McConnell push for the Background Check Expansion Act, that they pass the Extreme Risk Protection Order Act, which would implement extreme risk laws, that they ban assault weapons, and that they pass the Enhanced Background Checks Act of 2019, which would close the Charleston loophole. Now for more information on this or any of these stories, check us out at BradyUnited.org/podcast, on our socials @BradyBuzz,

and remember, keep in the know by subscribing to this podcast. New full length episodes drop every Monday and this week is a little special and we're dropping three full ones. We're talking first with Tony Coelho, an absolutely amazing former Senator, who helped pass the ADA and the Brady bill. We're talking to Ivy Schamis, a schoolteacher from Marjory Stoneman Douglas in Parkland, Florida, who is a survivor, an activist, and an all around awesome human to talk to. And then, we're talking to Brady's own, Jon Lowy and Erin Davis, two phenomenal lawyers, who continue to fight for survivors and the families of gun violence victims. On Wednesday, we have a great mini-sode coming with David Ledbetter, the viral sensation that got a Popeye's focused nation to talk about voter registration. And then on Friday, well actually, who knows what's going on in Friday's weekly gun violence prevention news wrap up. It'll be a surprise to me too. Whatever it is, I guarantee you it will not be dull.

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